



**2DASH**

**Derbyshire And South Yorkshire Harriers**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Title:** The name of the Club shall be **2DASH (Derbyshire and South Yorkshire Harriers)**

**Objects:** The Objects of the Club shall be:

- To promote and encourage participation and development in the sport of Athletics.
- To provide quality coaching for the members and to organise competitions.
- To organise teams to represent the Club in Championships, Leagues, and other competitions as the Club Committee shall decide.
- To increase the interest in the sport of Athletics.
- The Club shall select which of the five disciplines it wishes to cater for and pay the appropriate affiliation fees to England Athletics.

**Club Colours:**

The Club colours of 2DASH are maroon with a gold 3" diagonal from left top shoulder to right hip as worn on front only and as a second strip gold with a maroon diagonal from left shoulder to right hip as worn front only.

**Management:**

The Management of the Club shall be vested in the Club Committee which shall consist of;

- Chairperson
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Welfare/Child Protection Officer
- Website Manager
- Press & Social Secretary

All of the foregoing shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the following year.

The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies if and when they arise, and co-opt members for particular projects, but co-opted members do not have a Committee vote.

The quorum for a Committee meeting shall consist of not less than five members.

The Management Committee shall have the power to give rulings on any matter on which the Rules are silent and to expel any member who fails to comply with Club Rules.

**Finance:**

The Club financial year will start on the 1st January and end 31<sup>st</sup> December

The accounts of the Club shall be audited at least once a year by a Chartered or Certified Accountant, or by two unqualified persons who shall be appointed at each AGM and shall not be serving members of the Management Committee.

In the event of the appointed auditors not being able to carry out their duties, the Management Committee may appoint another person or persons.

The funds of the Club shall be deposited in an account opened in the name of the Club at a Bank approved by the Management Committee.

Cheques drawn on the Club shall be signed by two of three nominated signatories, one of whom shall normally be the Treasurer.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held by 28th February to receive the audited accounts and set the subscription level for the year. The purpose of the Meeting is to:

- Receive the Annual Report of the Committee
- Receive the annual audited Statement of accounts and balance sheet.
- Electing the Officers and Committee for the following year.
- Electing Honorary Auditors
- Consider any amendments to the Constitution, of which 14 Days' notice has been given to all Members.
- Voting on Life Vice Presidents as nominated by the Management Committee.

Any proposed change to the Constitution by a Member must be received in writing by the Chairman or Hon Secretary at least 14 Days prior to the AGM.

At least 21 Days' notice shall be given for the Annual General Meeting, to allow for nominations for Officers and Members of the Committee. Each fully paid up Member present at the meeting shall have one vote.

### **Affiliation:**

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to England Athletics in order to carry out the objects of the Club.

### **Membership:**

Membership shall be open to persons who are amateurs as defined by the British Athletic Association.

There shall be a minimum age entry of 8 years. All members under the age of 16 shall belong to the junior section of the Club.

Each applicant for membership shall complete the official application form which will be forwarded to the Membership secretary together with the annual subscription. Candidates under 16, should have their membership forms also signed by their parent/guardian.

The subscription shall be refunded should the candidate not be elected.

All applications for membership shall be considered by the General Purposes Committee or the Management Committee within one month of receipt.

Membership of the Club will commence on the actual date of election.

The Club welcomes both first and second-claim members. A member of another club will be admitted to this Club as a second-claim member subject to the rules applicable to a first-claim member.

These second-claim members shall enjoy the facilities provided by the Club but shall not be eligible for the Club Championship Trophies or to hold club records.

The Club shall, at the discretion of the Management Committee, invite in Honorary Membership such persons who do not wish to compete for the Club but have an involvement with the Club in some other capacity. Such persons shall not be required to pay any subscription but complete an application/membership form for club records and the Honorary Membership will not prejudice their membership of any other club, which is affiliated to UK Athletics.

Where financial assistance is given to a specific athlete the beneficiary will be obliged to sign an undertaking that he/she will remain a first claim member of the Club for at least two years from the date of receipt of such support. In the event of the beneficiary wanting to break that undertaking by joining another club the total value of any assistance given will have to be repaid in full or the athlete will be considered to be financially indebted to the Club until the debt has been discharged. The Management Committee, in its absolute discretion, may agree to waive this requirement in special cases. In the case of an under 16-year-old any agreement must be signed by the Parent/Guardian and a Club Officer.

### **Subscriptions and Non-Payment of Subscriptions:**

Members must pay an annual subscription fee within one month of them being set at the Annual General Meeting.

The level of fees shall be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The annual subscription must accompany an application for membership.

Athletes, who have not paid their membership within six months after the due date, will not be able to compete for the club and their names forwarded to the regional governing body.

The Management Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is 12 months in arrears provided one month's notice in writing has been communicated to the member of the proposed action of the Committee.

### **Code of Conduct:**

2DASH supports a policy of equal opportunity and respect to others. High standards of behaviour towards other athletes, coaches and officials are required at all times.

Any member who brings the club or Athletics generally into disrepute through unacceptable behaviour will have his or her membership revoked by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall decide any questions as to the interpretations of the rules and decide any matter not definitely provided for therein. The Management Committee shall arbitrate in any dispute and its decision will be final.

### **Equity Statement:**

This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

### **Resignations:**

Any member wishing to resign, must do so in writing addressed to the Chairman or Hon Secretary.

The resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt and will be effective on the date of tendering.

Resignations will not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the Club, i.e. has not paid his or her subscription for the current year, and acceptance will be withheld until the debt is discharged.

A member not having tendered their resignation by 31<sup>st</sup> December shall be liable for the following year's subscription.

### **Extraordinary General Meeting:**

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary or Chairman within one month of the receipt of a requisition signed by at least 20 per cent of club membership stating the purpose of the meeting.

At least 14 days' notice shall be given to all fully paid members of the date, venue and purpose of an Extraordinary General Meeting. No other business shall be conducted at such a Meeting.

### **Constitution Amendments:**

No Constitution amendments may be altered, added to, or deleted except at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose, then only by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

### **Data Protection:**

The club will comply with all aspects of the General Data Protection Regulations regarding storage and sharing of individual's data retained by the club as defined by the National Governing Body.

### **Club Championships:**

All Club Championship trophies are perpetual trophies. Competition for them shall be annual unless the Management Committee decides otherwise.

The winner of a trophy shall undertake to return it when requested to do so and shall give written acknowledgement of its receipt.

No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to receive awards in club championships.

### **Dissolution:**

The club is a non-profit making organisation, and any profits realised can only be distributed on dissolution.

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a two-thirds majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, as distinct from merger or amalgamation, any assets of the club that remain will be distributed to the Regional Athletic Association to which the club is affiliated.